XIII. (13). Read Frisby pages 195-205

In the chapter, �Escape,� (especially on pages 196 and 197) Mrs. Frisby spends quite a bit of time thinking about the rats. Re-read those pages. Why does Mrs. Frisby want to escape and do? What does this say about her character? What does she say about the rats and their plan? What message does the author want to give us about goodness and bravery and intelligence and civilizations?

During the last five pages of the chapter, we see the rats actually moving Mrs. Frisby�s house. What do they do? How do they do it? In what ways do they show specialization of labor? In what ways do they show intelligence? Resourcefulness? Cooperation? According to the author, what does it mean to be truly civilized?

Mrs. Frisby wants to escape from the birdcage because she wants to warm the rats that they are about to get exterminated who will crush their house with a bulldozer. This tells us that she is brave and caring, because she cares about the rats. Mrs. Frisby says about the rats and their plan that they should be able to start their own rat civilization.